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1. Indonesia

A full account of Sukarno's meeting this morning with Indonesia's military commanders is not yet available. Sukarno preceded the private session, however, with a public lecture to military and newsmen on the evils of recent Indonesian and foreign newspaper reporting.

He reiterated that Indonesia is in a "great axis" with Cambodia, North Vietnam, and Communist China against "American imperialism." Citing specific examples, he denounced newspapers which have criticized North Vietnam and Cambodia and have printed "slander" against the Indonesian Communist Party.

In typical Sukarno style, he also told the assemblage that he would carry out Indonesia's revolution "only with the help of God and the full trust of the Indonesian people." The events surrounding the attempted coup were, he said, "only a minor matter."

All this sounds like Sukarno today is meeting the army almost head-on. We await reports of the army's reaction.

2. South Vietnam

Contact with Communist forces in western Pleiku Province has been maintained now for seven consecutive days. Late reports indicate that there was another sizable engagement there again this morning.

Communist losses in this area since 14 November now total 1,209 killed and 19 captured. In addition, US forces have captured or destroyed some 850 enemy weapons. US casualties stand at 250 killed and 358 wounded.

3. Communist China

Peking's first official reaction to the United Nations vote on the representation issue indicates that the Chinese regard the outcome as the inevitable vindication of their obdurate stand.

An editorial in People's Daily yesterday offers its readers no suggestion, however, that China will soon become a member.

Before that can happen, the paper says, the United Nations must not only expel the Chinese Nationalists and expunge the resolutions charging China and North Korea with aggression, but undertake a "complete reform" to remove the organization from "US domination."

4. India

General Nimmo, the chief of the United Nations observers covering the Kashmir cease-fire line, says he believes that the Indian forces are following a well-planned program to push Pakistani troops back to the original cease-fire line in Kashmir.

Reports on outbreaks of fighting this week suggest that the Indians are pursuing a similar objective along the lines to the south as well.

5. Dominican Republic

Our embassy in Santo Domingo is still reasonably optimistic that a rightist coup against Garcia Godoy will not take place.

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In fact, the wide circulation given the coup plans may well be one of the inhibiting factors. Although yesterday was supposed to see the beginning of terrorism in preparation for the rightists' move, the day passed relatively quietly.

Ambassador Bunker has again urged Garcia Godoy to ease the situation by promptly announcing the replacement of key leftists in his government. Garcia Godoy says, however, that he thinks nothing he could do would end plotting by the extreme right.

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6. Venezuela

Student organizations have announced that they will observe Venezuela's National Students' Week, which starts tomorrow, by airing grievances and "repudiating" visits by prominent US figures.

Venezuelan Communists may work through the students to whip up sentiment for a demonstration against Senator Robert Kennedy, who is due to arrive in Caracas on 26 November.

7. Guinea

Guinea broke relations with France today. The move follows charges by President Touré that the French, along with leaders of some of Guinea's neighbors, were plotting to overthrow his regime.

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ing at the French is not unusual for Touré, whose relations with Paris have been cool at best since 1958, when Guinea chose to get out of the French African bloc.

8. Congo

Plot charges against Tshombé were published yesterday, possibly as a prelude to his arrest, but we have no word of action against him yet..

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Ambassador Godley meanwhile foresees possible new problems in eastern Congo. Most of the Rhodesians and South Africans with Colonel Hoare's white commandos there intend to go home when their contracts expire next month. While this will help Leopoldville's image with other African governments, it also will leave a considerable security gap unless replacements are forthcoming soon.

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